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SUMMARY: DAY LONG GUN BATTLE OUTSIDE LIMASSOL. ALLEGED EOKA-B DOCUMENT INDICATES DISSENT AMONG THE RANKS. ANOTHER BREAK IN INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS. AZINAS TO PRAGUE. TURKCYPRIOTS CRITICIZE USG FOR ACCEPTING DIMITRIOU APPOINTMENT AS AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON. END SUMMARY.

1. ALL LOCAL PAPERS NOV 19 REPORT DAY LONG GUN BATTLE IN AYIOS CONSTANINOS (LIMASSOL) BETWEEN EOKA-B GANG AND MEMBERS OF TACTICAL RESERVE POLICE FORCE. GANG, REPORTEDLY NUMBERING NINE OR TEN MEN, WAS SURROUNDED BY LARGE NUMBER POLICE. ALTHOUGH
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MANY SHOTS FIRED, NO REPORT OF ANY CASUALTIES.

2. INCIDENT FOLLOWS NOV 15 GOVT RELEASE OF ALLEGED EOKA-B LEAFLET, WHICH CRITICIZED THOSE "MISLEADING" GRIVAS AND "STUPID" ASSAULTS ON POLICE STATIONS. PIO CLAIMED DOCUMENT DEMONSTRATES SPLIT IN GRIVAS CAMP. (GRIVASISTS DENOUNCED DOCUMENT AS FORGERY.)

3. FIVE PARTY INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS RESUMED NOV 16 AFTER 25 DAY BREAK. ALDIKACTI, BEFORE TALKS, TOOK STRONGEST LINE YET CONCERNING TURK CYPRIOT "WAR FOR INDEPENDENCE" (FBIS TRANSLATED "LIBERATION"). AFTER 90 MINUTE MEETING, DENKTASH AND CLERIDES MADE USUAL ANODYNE STATEMENTS TO PRESS, WITH CLERIDES, INTER ALIA, PUSHING BACK HIS ESTIMATE FOR DECISIVE PERIOD UNTIL MONTH OF JANUARY. NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR NOV 28 BUT COULD BE POSTPONED BY ANTICIPATED DENKTASH VISIT TO TURKISH CAPITAL. COMMENT: DOUBTFUL WHETHER JANUARY DEADLINE WILL PROVE ANY MORE SIGNIFICANT THAN ITS MANY PREDECESSORS. END COMMENT.

4. DIRECTOR OF CO-OPS AND PRESIDENTIAL CONFIDANT AZINAS LEFT FOR PRAGUE NOV 17, HIS SECOND VISIT TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA IN LESS THAN ONE MONTH. TURK CYPRIOT PRESS HAS CHARGED AZINAS REAL PURPOSE IN VISITING CZECH CAPITAL IS ARMS PURCHASE, NOT COOPERATIVE AFFAIRS. COMMENT: THIS FOLLOWS SPATE OF RUMORS RE TURKISH ARMS SHIPMENTS/HELICOPTER FLIGHTS. WE FIND IT NOTE-WORTHY THAT CAMPAIGN SPEARHEADED BY MAKHI -- MOUTHPIECE OF NICOS SAMPSON, LEADER OF PARLIAMENTARY EFFORT TO UPGRADE NATIONAL GUARD ARMS. END COMMENT.

5. RADIO BAYRAK NOV 15 ATTACKED USG FOR ACCEPTING DIMITRIOU AS NEW CYPRIOT AMBASSADOR TO WASHINGTON. BAYRAK CLAIMED THAT, PRIOR TO 1963, GREEK AND TURK CYPRIOTS HAD AGREED TO BICOMMUNAL MISSION IN WASHINGTON (M152129). COMMENTARY CONCLUDED INCIDENT HAS CAUSED TURK CYPRIOTS LOSE CONFIDENCE IN US. COMMENT: DENKTASH AIDE TRIED SAME LINE ON EMB OFF NOV 19. EMB OFF RESPONDED USG UNDER NO OBLIGATION ENFORCE INFORMAL AGREEMENTS BETWEEN COMMUNITIES. NOTED DIMITRIOU APPOINTMENT IN NO WAY CHANGES RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN US AND CYPRUS. DISCOURAGED TURK CYPRIOTS FROM PURSUING MATTER FURTHER.
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